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1. HOSTILITIES CONFINED BELFAST BETWEEN PROVISIONAL AND OFFICIAL WINGS IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY CAN NOW PROPERLY BE CALLED FEUD. SIXTH DEATH WAS THAT OF REPUBLICAN CLUBS (OFFICIAL IRA) MEMBER JOHN KELLY AGE 22 SHOT DOWN ON SIDEWALK NOV. 9. DEAD INCLUDE FOUR REPUBLICAN CLUB MEMBERS OR "SYMPATHIZERS" WITH OFFICIALS, ONE SIX YEAR OLD GIRL AND THE DIRECTOR OF A PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN INCIDENT CENTER.

2. SEAMUS LOUGHRAN, NORTHERN IRELAND ORGANIZER PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN WAS TARGET ATTACK AT HIS HOME BY GUNMEN ALLEGEDLY USING THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUN EVENING NOV. 9. ATTACKERS MISSED WITH SEVERAL SHOTS FIRED INTO ROOM WHERE LOUGHRAN HIS WIFE AND TWO YOUNG SONS WERE WATCHING TELEVISION.

3. REPUBLICAN CLUBS WHICH POLITICAL ARM OFFICIAL IRA
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IN NORTH ACCUSE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF INACTIVITY AT BEST

AND COLLUSION WITH PROVISIONAL IRA AT WORST. ONCE AGAIN
ARMY FACED WITH DOLEMMA THAT EFFECTIVE DETERRENT REQUIRES
MASS PRESENCE IN CATHOLIC AREAS WHICH IN TURN COULD PROVOKE
COMMUNITY HOSTILITY.

4. UNIDENTIFIED MEDIATORS BELIEVED INCLUDE CATHOLIC
CLERGY ATTEMPTING WITHOUT SUCCESS ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN
BELFAST REPRESENTATIVES OFFICIAL AND PROVISIONAL IRA.
IMMEDIATE TRIGGER FOR PROVISIONAL IRA ATTACKS APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN HOLD UP ATTRIBUTED TO OFFICIAL IRA OF BELFAST
MACHINE SHOP IN WHICH OWNER WHO SYMPATHIZER WITH
(CONTRIBUTOR TO) PROVISIONAL IRA RESISTED AND WAS SHOT
DEAD. NEWSMEN BELIEVE MORE THAN 500 INDIVIDUALS MOSTLY
OFFICIAL IRA CURRENTLY HIDING OUT OR ON RUN. RUMORS
CIRCULATING THAT PROVISIONALS WILL TURN THEIR ATTENTIONS
NEXT TO MEMBERS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY. THIS
IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

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